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In re Patent Application of:
Yoshihiro Ono

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Art Unit: 2644

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For: VOICE SWITCHING SYSTEM
CAPABLE OF IMPROVING A
QUALITY OF CONVERSATION

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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated November 20, 2003 (Paper No. 15), please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

FEE CALCULATION

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid	Number Extra Claims Present	Rate	Additional Fee
Total	10	- 20* =		X	
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TOTAL					0.00

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If this communication is filed after the shortened statutory time period had elapsed and no separate Petition is enclosed, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is petitioned, under 37 CFR 1.136(a), to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action by the number of months which will avoid abandonment under 37 CFR 1.135. The fee under 37 CFR 1.17 should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-2215.

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